The Present Ruinous Taxation.

Oprising of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade-Earnest and Determined Protest.

The Tax-Payers of the State Invited to hold Meetlugs.

The following presable and resolutions were unanimously adopted on Wednesday and Friday evenings last, by the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade. The meetings were large, and influential, harmonious and enthu-iastic, and characterized by a spirit of stern determination. A number of speeches were made by the prominent commercial men of the city .-The effect upon the bonds of the State has already been decided :

State Government, the unjority of the present holders and tax payers of the State, from whom the public revenue is mainly derived, are excluded defrom any power in the legislation of the State, and from any practical influence in the Wherens, under the operations of the present

imposition of taxes;

And, Whereas, the moneys raised by taxetion are improvidently and corruptly used and expended by persons who hold office under the State Government, and the sums appropriated for alleged public uses are excessive and extravaling our Constitution so as to conform

gant; And whereas: the credit of the State has been pledged illegally, and H is new proposed to pledge the esedit of the State for further loans, by a new issue of bonds, which may be negotiated in the market to persons who may take them, ment and the representatives will at in ignorance of the circumstances under which they are issued. Therefore.

they are issued. Therefore.

1. Resolved, That we, the property-holders and tax payers of the State, residing in the City of Charleston, do hereby deem itour duty to declare that the bonds heretofore issued without legal sanction, and the so-called stelling loan, or any other bonds or obligations hereafter issued, purporting to be under, and by virtue of the authority of this State, will not be held binding on us, and that we shall, in every manner, and stall and the so-called sever manner, and stall and the so-called sever manner. The difficulty of such an amendment and that we shall, in every manner and at all times, resist the payment thereof, or the enforce ment of any tax to pay the same, by all legiti-

mate means within our power.

2. Resolved, That we deem it our duty to warn

for the same narrors.

Letter from Hon. C. G. Memminger. CHARLESTON, March 24, 1871. His Excellency R. K. Scott, Governor of

South Carolina: thought it due to you, that I should, as soon as it was in my power, submit to

you the counsel, which, in my opinion, the present exigencies of our State call The remedy of any existing evil must depend upon the exact character of the evil; and the first step to be taken towards a proper application of a remedy even now, that freedom is insured only cause of the evil. The leading fact by the amendment of the Constitution is to observe carefully the nature and which has probably induced your action,

is the formation of combinations, in many of the upper counties of the State which exhibit themselves in acts of vio. lence upon these whom they deem fit subjects for extraordinary visitation. There can be no difficulty in ascertaining the cause of these combinations. It existing Government of the State is utterly corrupt; and that it has failed in all the duries which are required at the taxes laid by the Legislature must eventuate in virtual confiscation of the entire income of the citizens.

Is this conviction well founded? 1. The corrupt character of the Legislature of the State has been so distinctly evinced, that it may be set down as an admitted fact.

2. The failure to discharge the duties of government culminated in the action of the Legislature at its last session upon the Chesterii-ld election. This action, following upon the previous election laws, which refused any check upon the majority, satisfied the white people of the State that they had no rights, recognized by the Government, and that they must, therefore, protect exclusion of the whites from any participation, placed one class distinctly above the other, and plainly exhibited to the whites that force would take the

3. The wasteful expenditure of the public money, and the corrupt schemes for increasing the public debt, which have found favor with the Legislature, proclaim in the future an indefinite increase of taxes, while corrupt officers foment these evils, and render hopeless any effort at amendment

4. The formation of secret societies among the colored people, under the name of Union Leagues, have banded them together in a secret organization, and while these sociaties render useless any appeals to the better judgment of their members, they naturally suggest a like organization among the whites as

their only means of defence. These various svidenges have settled a conviction in the minds of the whites. two years for the action of a Convention,

that they must seek protection outside of the existing Government, and as your Fixer Brace duchless sees, these evils must peruit in anarchy or civil war, unloss some remedy be speedily applied. The active course of all this evil is clearly the Legislature of the State. There it all originates; there it has its abude, and from thence it must be removed your Excellency, and would urge them lettere peace or security can ensue. The spon all those who seek the permanent character of this body must therefore be character of this body must therefore be with much respect, year obedient shanged. Instead of representing inumerace and rice, it must represent the author

THE WATCHMAN

WEDNESDAY. APRIL 5.

The Present Ruinous Taxation.

do until you change its constituency. There is no possible method of informating an agency, while the principal continues the same—and ignorante and tinues the same—and ignorante and prejudice will never select for its agents the wise and the good. Our could's result from this cause, and from neglect and from region applications. of the great American aphorism, that taxation without representation is tyranny. In our present system of State

Government, those who pay the taxes have no voice in the Government. This investigation clearly points to the only possible remedy, to wit: A change in the constituency which elects the Legislature. Let this be improved, and the improvement of the other follows of course. A more intelligent body of voters, and one directly responsible to pay the taxes which are imposed by their representatives, would speedily provide a remedy. Under their auspices, an intelligent and virtuous Legislature would again make its appearance, and

the laws of the land and the public officers appointed to administer them,

All this can be obtained by simply following the lead of that State which our present rulers would regard as the the qualifications of voters to that resome tax for the support of the Government, and the representatives will at once change their character. Such a

arises from the fact that it must find sufficient favor with the existing authorities to command a two-thirds vote. 'i he difficulty is real; but is it not worth the all persons not to receive, by way of purchase, effort to overcome it? Without some loan or otherwise, any bond or obligation here. loan or otherwise, any bond or obligation hereafter issued, purporting to bind the property or
pledge the credit of the State; and that all such
bonds or obligations will be held by us to be
null and void, as having been issued corruptly,
improvidently, and for fraudulent purposes, and
in derogation of the majority of that portion of
the people of this State upon whom the public
by the people of this State upon whom the public
you, sir, would commence the movement such change the State must inevitably. 3. Resolved, That the tax payers of the State by an earnest appeal to the Legislature, immediately to submit the call of a are hereby requested to meet in their respective counties for the consideration of this subject, and the enormous tax levies of the current year, and nle, it is not at all improbable that the

for the same purpose.

4. Kewolced, that this State Convention of tax payers be requested to confer with His Excellency, the Governor, on the dangerous fiscal condition of the State and request his official aid and that much agitation must ensue. But let every man weigh against these considerations the danger which must attend any other course. Should even, attend any other course. Should even, co operation in the investigation of the accounts of the Comptroller and the State Agent in New the violence which may be appreheaded, York, so that the amount and character of the be suppressed by military force, it is not bonded debt and all other liabilities of the State at all unlikely that as their only remain at all unlikely that as their only remain action as may do necessary for the protection of the public creditors and of the tax payers of the Commonwealth. where will be the credit and government of the State? Doubtless many bad men A CONVENTION PROPOSED. will agitate against such a measure, and will endeavor, as heretofore, to persuade the ignorant colored people that the whites will again reduce them to slavery. But your Excellency will be fully able to repel such attempts. You know as PANAMAS, well as I do, and can tell them so, that they owe their emancipation peither to DEAR SIR: Not having been present your party nor to mine, but alone to DEAR SIR: Not having been present at the conference to which I was reently invited by your Excellency, I have thought it due to you, that I should, as proclamation of September, 1862, in Men's and youth's Soft Felt Hats, with high which he undertook to recognize the from the generosity of the North, that the slaves obtained their freedom. And

of the United States, which was adopted You would, therefore, be able effectually | Army, Navy and Pic-Nic Caps. to remove this hindrance to good feeling from the minds of the colored people. Then, again, you would be able to assure them of the kindly feeling with which they have always been regarded is undoubtedly the conviction that the by their former masters, before the heartiess plunderers, who are now making use of them, had misled and embittered their feelings. These, and other topics which will readily occur to

An equal, perhaps a greater difficulty will be to restrain the impatience of the white people. Restless as they naturally must be under the corrupt and heartless despotism which they see domineering over them, it will require the strongest effort of patience to await a The strongest motive which can be presented to them, for such parience offers at prices which cannot fail to please. will be the earnest and sincere initiation of the amendment proposed. The first step towards calling a Convention is a vote of the Legislature, and an that body has adjourned, it will be necessary to take some action, before its wext meeting, to satisfy the people of the expediency of waiting. If the leading members The arming of the colored militia, and of the dominant party would come forward and pledge their support to the measure, and urge the adoption of the same, it would furnish such an assurance as would, doubtless, restrain the impati-

> their present burthen. On our side, then, we could, with some show of reason, counsel our friends to endurance. We could turn their minds to consider other cases of grievous national wrong, which patience had overcome. We could point them to the example of the noble spirits who, after the endurance for twenty years, of the NEW AND FASHIONABLE DRESS DOODS. t. runy of the Stuarts in England, brought about peacefully the great revolution of 1338, and established English freedom upon a basis, from which it has never been removed We can point them to the American struggle against taxation without representation, which continued for ten years before a resort to arms With these examples before them, we would be able to persuade them to await

would remedy the evils of which they Persoaded, as I am, that no other penseable remedy can be made available, I would most earnestly acdress these views to the serious consideration of

if we could assuse them that that action

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